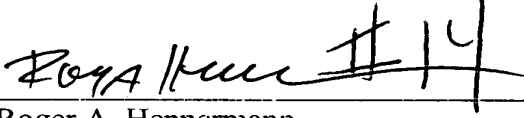
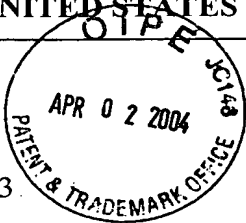


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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a Non-Final Office Action but before issuance of a Final Action or Notice of Allowance. Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be considered under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1).

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Please note, however, it is believed that U.S. Patent No. 5,752,008 cited herein is cumulative with respect to the WO 97/45778 reference cited previously in this application.

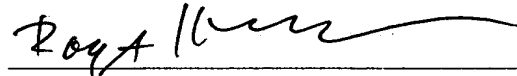
An English-language abstract of the non-English language references is enclosed. A copy of each reference on the Form PTO-1449 is also attached.

It is submitted that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 06005/35628A. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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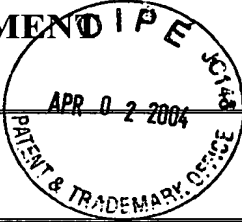
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